GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF TEXTILE MACHINERY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions relating to textile machinery industry have not been included in the textile Policy;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India is importing foreign textile machinery under World Trade Organisation;

(d) if so, the details of textile machinery imported during the last one year; and

(e) the details of impact of the import on domestic textile machinery.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) :No provision directly relating to textile machinery sector has been included in the Textile Policy as machinery does not come within the meaning and scope of textiles in the strict value addition chain of textiles and clothing. However, emphasis has been laid at more than one place regarding the need for technological upgradation and modernisation of all sectors of textile industry in the National Textile Policy, 2000 announced on 2.11.2000. Upgradation and modernisation of textile industry would also provide increased opportunity for investments and improvement in capacities in the textile machinery sector and the other support segments of the industry.

(c) to (e) : Textile machinery has been freely importable since prior to 1996. As per the details provided by DGCI&S Calcutta, the statistics for the import of textile machinery during the last one year is as under:

Description of the items	(Rs. In crores)
Spinning and allied machinery	335.96
Weaving and knitting machinery;	441.02
Parts and accessories of spinning and weaving machinery	228.56
Processing machinery and allied machinery;	261.25